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and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

I remember when I worked for Continental Telephone between 1977 and 1984, the one thing we were all looking forward to was the federal tax on phone service being phased out. Shortly after our local office closed and I found work elsewhere, I noticed that not only was the federal tax not phased out, but it was increasing. We have so many "extra" charges (interstate access surcharge, Federal universal service fund, state universal service fund, number portability surcharge, 911 surcharge) attached to our local telephone bill at this time that these "extra" charges plus taxes add up to almost as much as my telephone basic service. This month's bill is a perfect example -- \$ 14.25 for local service, \$ 11.25 for surcharges and tax, and \$ 4.25 for long distance service. The number portability surcharge is especially a sore spot for me since I live in a small community and we always had number portability available because we don't have two or more prefixes. We are paying for !

a service needed in only about five cities in the entire state. Enough is enough.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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